

more or weightier influences to bear upon an instructor in the discharge of his duty than those which will operate upon me; a sense of honor, regard for reputation, gratitude for confidence conferred, delight in the occupation, and that which would be the all-prevailing consideration with many, self-interest, all constitute so many securities for the faithful performance of my part of the incumbent duties.

My friends who know me best can testify that I have long manifested a deep anxiety on the subject of Female Education, in my humble way, I have both spoken and written in its behalf. I regard it as the most extensive and most unoccupied field of usefulness that can be presented to the philanthropist. Let it be cultivated, let its natural beauties, which have been so long left to flourish in wild luxuriance, be nourished and directed by the plastic hand of cultivation, and soon they will diffuse a refreshing and vivifying fragrance, the incense of enlightened purity, that will pervade the length and breadth of the land, under the influence of which presumptuous ignorance, impudent venality, and heartless selfishness would be rebuked. Of course I have no expectation of being a reformer in this neglected field, yet it may be allowed me to throw out the above views, as a motive, at least. But enough about our own qualifications. I have less hesitation in speaking of the INCIDENTAL advantages of the place. It is needless to speak of its healthfulness, this is well known; its picturesque beauties are equally so. But that which renders Chapel Hill unrivalled as a desirable place for the education of young ladies, is the intellectual character of its social intercourse, and even of its amusements. Long before I had ever dreamed that my Mother's family would come here to reside, I had thought a thousand times that I would rather a sister of mine should be educated here than at any other place in the South. In the first place, there is here enough of society for rational enjoyment, and the accomplishment of manners, but not enough for the introduction of the frivolities of fashionable life, and its consequent distractions; in the second, all our exhibitions are far more frequent, intellectual and improving to the young than those of any other village in the State. The public addresses, speeches, experiments, and exhibitions which take place during the year would, if equally distributed, average, perhaps, one for every fortnight. To all of these admission may be easily obtained for the young ladies. From the facts just stated, it is evident that *here* a young lady's PRACTICAL education